

for Educational Development, Upper Great Lakes Education Technologies, Inc., the Copper Country Americorps, the Finlandia University Community Advisory Board, and the Copper Country Superintendents' Round Table to name just a few. Finally, there are three school districts in the Copper Country ISD without their own superintendent, and Mr. Ollila has served in this capacity whenever he was needed.

As much as he has given to his career though, Paul Ollila has always had time for his family. He has been happily married to his wife Joyce for 44 years, and together they have six children and 6 grandchildren. He is also an avid golfer and travel enthusiast.

Mr. Speaker, Paul Ollila's commitment to his family, his community, and the students of Michigan's Upper Peninsula serves as an example to all of us. I ask the House to join me in honoring him and thanking him for his service.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the passage of the Federal Credit Union Act. Recognizing that every credit union exists "for the purpose of promoting thrift among its members and creating a source of credit for provident or productive purposes," Congress passed the Federal Credit Union Act on June 26, 1934 and in so doing gave birth to the network of federal credit unions that continues to serve our nation's citizens today.

While federal credit unions have grown since 1934, their basic mission remains the same today as it was 70 years ago:

Federal credit unions now as they did then provide low cost financial services to their members; and

Federal credit unions now as then continue to emphasize their traditional cooperative values of democratic control and volunteerism.

The unique democratic spirit of credit unions is what sets them apart from other financial institutions. Seventy years after passage of the Federal Credit Union Act, federal credit union boards of directors are still elected democratically with every single member of the credit union (regardless of the amount of his or her savings) having an equal vote. What's more, the vast majority of credit union board members volunteer their time for the betterment of the credit union, without compensation of any kind.

Although credit unions are a very small segment of the financial services industry, that democratic spirit and sense of volunteerism has helped them grow over the course of the past seventy years to serve more than 85 million Americans. Today, credit unions serve as a viable, healthy alternative to other traditional providers of financial services.

Credit unions also continue to serve a growing number of people of modest means. By building branches in distressed neighborhoods absent other traditional financial institutions, credit unions have helped encourage entrepre-

neurship and improve access to basic financial services.

I commend the Nation's federal credit unions for the good work they have done for the last 70 years and the good work they will, no doubt, continue to do for the next 70 years.

CHILD NUTRITION AND WIC REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 2507, the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, which both reflects—and improves upon—the bipartisan child nutrition bill we passed in the House on March 24 of this year.

Like H.R. 3873, the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act will provide food security to more children and families than ever before, eliminate needless paperwork for program providers and place a renewed emphasis on obesity prevention through improved nutrition and greater exercise.

But—fortunately for America's children—S. 2507 goes further. It expands the popular Lugar summer food pilot to two additional states. It gives five states new authority to look at eliminating the "reduced price" category for school lunch. It establishes important new cost containment measures to ensure the integrity of the WIC program. And—perhaps most significantly for those of us interested in increasing participation rates among eligible children—S. 2507 provides mandatory funding for all schools to directly certify food stamp-eligible children for free school lunch by 2008—and greater flexibility for schools to verify income through third party sources like TANF and Medicaid. These measures take an important step towards eliminating at least some of the barriers that currently keep otherwise eligible children from accessing these critical programs.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I'd like to thank Chairman BOEHNER, our ranking member Mr. MILLER, Mr. CASTLE and Ms. WOOLSEY—along with Senators COCHRAN and HARKIN—for all of their hard work on this important legislation. I think we can all be proud that—at least on this issue—we have done the people's work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 18, 2004, I was unable to participate in legislative business due to an important, long-standing commitment in my district. Had I been present for legislative business on June 18, 2004, I would have voted "yea" on House Amendments 580, 581, 585 and 592; and would have voted "nay" on House Amendments 578, 583, 584, and 589.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, I would have voted "yea" on final passage of H.R. 4567, the Fiscal Year 2005 Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GUAM'S FIRST CHAMORRO TERRITORIAL LIBRARIAN: MAGDALENA "MAGGIE" SANTOS TAITANO

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Magdalena "Maggie" Santos Taitano, Familian Oncho, who passed away on June 17, 2004. I also extend my deepest sympathies and prayers to her family and friends.

Maggie was born on July 1, 1928. She was married to the late Guam Senator Richard Flores Taitano, and was mother to Taling Maria, Richard Jr., John Joseph, and Carmen Teresita. She was also a grandmother, great-grandmother, wife, sister, auntie, godmother, and friend. A devoted mother and wife, Maggie was also a religious person who demonstrated her commitment to her community through her involvement in various civic organizations. She was active politically as well, and recognized the importance of protecting Guam's heritage and history for future generations.

This belief was reflected in her passion for the library sciences, an interest Maggie first developed while working in a library while still in high school. After graduating from George Washington High School in 1950, Maggie began working as a library assistant at the Guam Public Library. From there, Maggie pursued higher education, receiving a full scholarship to attend Mount Mary's Catholic College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she received her Bachelor's in business administration. She continued her studies at Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, becoming the first Chamorro to earn a Master's degree in library sciences.

Maggie then returned home to begin a distinguished career in service to the people of Guam. In 1960, she became the first Chamorro Territorial Librarian of the Guam Public Library—later renamed the Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library. Some of her achievements included instituting the Summer Reading Program, the Saturday Storytelling Program, the Pacific Area Collections, and making the library more accessible to the community. Although Maggie retired in 1987, she could not stay away from the library for long, returning to serve part-time at the University of Guam's Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library. She later transferred to the Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC) where she had a prominent role in putting together the papers of public officials, including those of my husband, the late Governor Ricardo Bordallo. It was fitting that in 1997, MARC was renamed the Richard F. Taitano Research Center in honor of the institution's creator, her late husband.

I have been blessed to also call Maggie a friend. We first knew each other in high school, and I was honored to be Godmother to her daughter Carmencita. Our husbands were also running mates in the 1970 Gubernatorial election, running on the slogan "A New Day for Guam." I am deeply saddened by Maggie's passing, but know that she has left behind a legacy that will be treasured for generations to come.